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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tuan T. Lam

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the limitation of “one input grounded,.. integrator has singled-ended output,.. VIC is a resistor” claim 8 and “more than one DCOC block feeding more than one stage of said BB amplifier” of claim 10 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 7, the recitation of “the two resistors are variable” is indefinite because it is misdescriptive. Claim 6 defines the two resistors (R2) are VIC means. R2 resistors are not variable resistors. The input resistors R1 are variable resistors. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mack (USP 6,121,831). Figure 3 of Mack a DC offset canceling circuit comprising a baseband amplifier (301) including at least one current summing stage (SUMN, SUMP), to which a BB signal is fed as first input current, a DC offset cancellation block (390) serving as a negative feedback circuit fed from the output of said BB amplifier a second input current (currents flow through resistors 321, 322) to said current summing stage, comprising an integrator (317, 319), and a voltage to current converter (321, 323) to feed a negative feedback current to the second input current of the summing stage as called for in claim 1.

Regarding claim 2, figure 3 of Mack shows a differential inputs (325, 327), VIC has differential outputs (outputs of resistors 321, 323).

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Regarding claim 3, figure 3 of Mack shows the current summing stage is an amplifier (301).

Regarding claim 4, the current summing stage operates as an active low pass filter (column 4, lines 55-57).

Regarding claim 5, said integrator 320 comprises two input resistors (313, 315) and two negative feedback capacitors (317, 319).

Regarding claim 6, VIC are two resistors 321, 323.

Regarding claim 7, the two input resistors (313 and 315) are capable of being varied (column 6, lines 1-10).

Regarding claim 8, figure 2 of Mach shows the current summing stage is an operational amplifier (203) with one input grounded, said integrator (235) has a single ended output, VIC is a resistor (230).

Regarding claim 9, the summing stage is low pass filter stage.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mack (USP 6,121,831). Figure 3 of Mack a DC offset canceling circuit (DCOC) comprising a baseband amplifier (301) including at least one current summing stage (SUMN, SUMP), to which a BB signal is fed as first input current, a DC offset cancellation block (390) serving as a negative

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feedback circuit fed from the output of said BB amplifier a second input current (currents flow through resistors 321, 322) to said current summing stage, comprising an integrator (317, 319), and a voltage to current converter (321, 323) to feed a negative feedback current to the second input current of the summing stage. Mack does not disclose more than one DCOC block feeding more than one stage of the BB amplifier as called for in claim 10. However, it is notoriously well known to use more than one DCOC block feeding more than one stage of the BB amplifier in the circuit arrangement of Mack for the purpose of saving space on the chip. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to use more than one DCOC block feeding more than one stage of the BB amplifier for the purpose of saving space. Outside of a non-obvious results, the obviousness of using more than one DCOC block feeding more than one stage of the BB amplifier will not be patentable under 35USC 103(a).

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-1744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (7:30 am to 6:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY P CALLAHAN can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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